

(c) In Orissa, since inception of the Scheme, 1.58 lakh Self Help Groups (SHGs) have been formed, 84,062 SHGs have passed Grade-I and 32,151 SHGs have passed Grade-II. Efforts are being made to form more SHGs. Members of these SHGs are likely to be covered under the scheme in the coming years.

List of ULFA people to Bangladesh

†*219. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India had handed over a list of 113 terrorists to Bangladesh, which included the key ULFA people for handing them over to India;

(b) if so, the details thereof and when it was handed over; and

(c) the action on the said list upto October, 2006?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) and (b) In the last Border Coordination Conference held between Director General, Border Security Force and Director General, Bangladesh Rifles at New Delhi between 26th September to 1st October, 2005, the Indian side had handed over a list of wanted Indian insurgents including ULFA leaders staying in Bangladesh. Government of Bangladesh was requested to handover these insurgents to India as they were wanted in various crimes committed by them. Indian side had reiterated the need for action against Indian Insurgent Groups (IGs) operating from Bangladesh Territory in the Home Secretary Level Talks held at Dhaka between August 24-27, 2006.

(c) At the DG level talks, Bangladesh side did not agree with this stand and stated that Bangladesh does not harbour any insurgent or miscreant inside its territory. At the Home Secretary Level talks, they denied the presence of IGs in Bangladesh.

Relaxation in SEZ rules

*220. PROF. P.J. KURIEN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE and INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

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(a) whether some States have been allowed relaxation in some requirements for setting up Special Economic Zones;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reliefs adopted; and

(c) the reasons for which Kerala has not been allowed such relaxation?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) While the minimum area required for a multi product Special Economic Zone (SEZ) is 1000 hectares, the requirement for setting up a sector specific SEZ is 100 hectares. However, considering the topography, special needs and availability of contiguous vacant areas in the Union Territories including erstwhile Union Territory of Goa and Special category States of Assam, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Arunachal Pradesh, Mizoram, Manipur, Tripura, Sikkim, Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh & Uttaranchal, the minimum area requirement of 200 hectares and 50 hectares for multi product and sector specific SEZ have been prescribed.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Export-Import between India-China

†1484. SHRI AJAY MAROO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether import-export between India and China has increased after opening of Nathula route, for trade between the two countries;

(b) whether Government propose to extend the current maximum limit on trade, to increase trade between the two countries; and

(c) if so, the details thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) Import-Export trade between India and China has been growing rapidly for the last few years. The opening of Nathu La Border has not made any significant contribution to it.

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